BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-163-C - ORDER NO. 93-265 MARCH 19, 1993

IN RE: Application of TeleDebit, L.P.)
for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Operate as a Reseller of Long)
Distance Telecommunications)
Services in South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request for Protective Order in the Application of TeleDebit, L.P. (TeleDebit) in its Application filed with the Commission on March 8, 1993.

TeleDebit included financial information with its Application in sealed envelopes stamped "Privileged and Confidential."

TeleDebit states that these contain an unaudited statement of operations and an unaudited balance sheet for the first nine months of TeleDebit's operation. TeleDebit alleges that the information in these documents is proprietary and commercially sensitive and its disclosure would put TeleDebit at a competitive disadvantage.

TeleDebit, therefore, requested that a Protective Order be granted as to Exhibits 1, 5, and 6 and that Exhibits 1, 5, and 6 containing this information be given proprietary treatment, and not be disclosed to anyone other than Commissioners or Staff involved in processing TeleDebit's Application.

The Commission has considered this matter and holds that the request for a Protective Order must be denied. The Applications and information contained therewith filed with this Commission have historically been public information unless the Company has stated a good reason for us to hold otherwise. In the present Docket, we do not believe that TeleDebit has stated a good reason to give proprietary treatment to the information contained in Exhibits 1, 5 and 6. We believe that this information should be public information, along with the rest of the Application which has been our custom in the past.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The request for a protective order is denied.
- 2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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